MINUTES OF OFFICERS MEETING
OF THE
MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT

March 17, 2005

The Officers Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by Moderator, Peter J. Przekop, at 4:35 p.m. on March 17, 2005.

Members present were: Peter Przekop, Louis Misto, Neil Collins, and Joan Przekop and Michelle Vacca. The Solicitor, John P. Toscano Jr. was also present.

The Clerk, Joan Przekop, read the Invitation to Bid for the Misquamicut Fire District Refuse Collection. In accordance with the bid request a total of three companies provided sealed bids and all were postmarked on or prior to March 10, 2005. Chris Beck representing EZ Waste Systems and Mike Sauchuk representing MJ Sauchuk were present. The Clerk proceeded to open the bids. Bids were requested for durations of 1 year, 3 years and 5 years. Following is a summary of the bids:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
EZ Waste Systems, Inc.	$83,400	$246,600	$407,000
		$82,200/year	$81,400/year
MJ Sauchuk, Inc.	$85,000	$260,134	$442,336
		$85,000 1st Year	$85,000 1st Year
		$86,700 2nd Year	$86,700 2nd Year
		$88,434 3rd Year	$88,434 3rd Year

$90,202 4th Year

$92,000 5th Year

Waste Management $130,000 $406,000 $698,000

 No award was made regarding the Refuse Collection Contract. In accordance with the Invitation to Bid, the District has 45 days to award the contract. The Refuse Committee will review the bids and contractors. It is expected that the District will award the contract at the April 21, 2005 District Officers Meeting. The awarded contract shall be subject, however, to the approval of the taxpayers at the June 11, 2005 Annual Meeting. A refuse Committee meeting is planned for March 23, 2005.

Copies of the Budget Status Sheet through March 17, 2005 (attachment 1) were distributed.

At this time the Fire Chief had to leave because of a previous engagement.

The Moderator, Peter Przekop, reported that the Benson Avenue septic system requires replacement. He received a proposal from Frisella Engineering for preparing the design and obtaining the necessary permits for the new system. The proposal was $5000.00. The Moderator will sign the contract with Frisella Engineering for these services. It is planned to have the system installed to support the beach opening. An application for emergency repairs will be made to the State of RI. A new system is expected to cost $20,000 to $24,000. The Board concurred that the installation takes place even though this was not a budgeted item. Money from the sinking fund

will be used for the installation (attachment 2)

The Moderator is preparing a draft budget for Finance Committee review. The proposed budget will be reviewed at the April 21, 2005 District Officers Meeting.

The Moderator distributed copies of procedures he prepared to provide guidance for proposed beach parking pass changes and control of beach access (attachment 3). Board members were requested to review them for the April 21, 2005 District Officers Meeting.

The Moderator read a letter that is being sent to the Westerly Town Council requesting a neighborhood meeting in the Misquamicut Fire District. The meeting would allow dialogue between Westerly Town Officials and District taxpayers many of who are not Westerly residents (attachment 4).

The Moderator announced that Mike Burbelo is planning a beach clean up. The focus will be snow fencing at Clark Farms Beach. The District has applied for and expects to get grant money to offset some of the fence expenses.

The Misquamicut Fire District web site contract has been renewed for two years. The web site is currently up to date.

  The Moderator suggested that Officers think about the first Misquamicut Service Award to be presented at the June Annual Meeting.

The next District Officers Meeting will be on April 21, 2005. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Przekop

District Clerk

Attachments:

1. Budget Status Sheets through March 17, 2005.

2. Moderator Report

3. Beach Procedures

4. Letter to Westerly Town Council